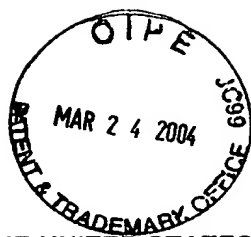


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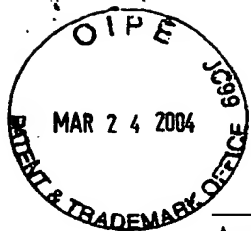
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By: Jacob N. Erlich
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Interview Summary

Sir:

In response to an interview conducted on February 19, 2004, Applicant submits this interview summary.

Present during the telephonic interview were examiners Thoi V Doung and Tarifur Chowdhury, attorneys Stephen J. Gaudet and Jacob Erlich, and the inventor, John Kralick.

Current status: Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination. The Yamada reference was the primary subject for discussion. Applicant argued that Yamada does not disclose Applicant's claimed invention. For example, Yamada discloses the requirement of alignment, whereas this limitation is absent in Applicant's claimed invention. In fact, alignment features are undesirable in Applicant's invention. The Examiners agreed that this was a difference between Yamada and Applicant's invention, however, they would like to have the opportunity to review the claims once again. Additionally, Applicant's agreed to amend the claims such that the diffractive or non-dispersive nature of the present invention would be made clear. Applicant suggested that a declaration from an expert may also help alleviate some of the Examiners' concerns.

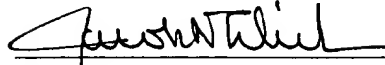
Another issue was discussed. Applicant claims a nematic liquid crystal being greater than 40%. The Examiners assert that Yamada does in fact disclose a nematic liquid crystal greater than 40%, specifically, between 50 to 97%. There is a difference of at least 10% between Yamada and what is claimed by Applicant. To further support Applicant's position, Applicant pointed out that Yamada states that if the liquid crystal accounts for less than 50%, then the practicality will be "ruined." [see '651, col. 15, ln 55 - 63]

Applicant also suggested that a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) may be the appropriate vehicle for continuing the prosecution of this case, the Examiners agreed, as stated above, Applicant has filed the RCE.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 854-4281 should he determine that a telephonic interview would expedite prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: MARCH 22, 2004

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jacob N. Erlich", written over a horizontal line.

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